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OCCUPANCY STATUS

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In Austria in the preparatory discussions of Census round 1990 and 2000 it was clear that the “Kind of residence” should not be obtained by questioning but by using the registration situation of the dwellers. That way we distinguished the following categories:

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| Main residence | At least one person has his/her main residence in this dwelling. |
| Secondary residence | In this dwelling no person has his/her main residence, but at least one person has his/her secondary residence (job-related or for weekend/holiday). |
| Neither main nor secondary residence | No person has neither his/her main residence nor his/her secondary residence. Such dwellings may be occasionally used by the same persons or not used for habitation at present for various reasons. (Renovation, inheritance procedures, new dwellers have not moved in the already rented or bought dwelling, holiday dwellings of private landlords “B&B” – or newly built and not already sold.) |

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Proposal for 2011:

The characteristic „Occupancy status“ should be renamed to „Kind of residence“ (CORE topic).

It is recommended that conventional dwellings are classified by kind of residence as follows:

1.0 Main residences:

Dwellings which are the usual/main residence of at least one person at the time of the census (main residences).

2.0 Secondary residences :

Dwellings which are the secondary residence (job-related or for weekend/holiday)

3.0 Neither main nor secondary residences:

Dwellings which are neither main nor secondary residence but fit for habitation all the year round.

Motivation: These will be the categories which will be deducible from central population register and from dwelling register.

The misleading term “occupied dwellings” (could imply that all other dwellings are not occupied and available) is avoided.

Also the term “vacant dwellings” implies that all dwellings which are neither main nor secondary residences are available on the market of dwellings. From registers no information on vacancies will be available. -

Also by questioning vacant dwellings are mostly not correctly to collect – there is no dweller, owner often not to reach and or not willing to answer correctly.
